

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the December 13, 2004 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. In the Office Action, claims 16-27 have been indicated as being allowable and claims 2-15, 34, 39 and 40 have been objected to but have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 28-33 and 35-38 have been rejected. In response to the Office Action, the claims have now been amended as follows:

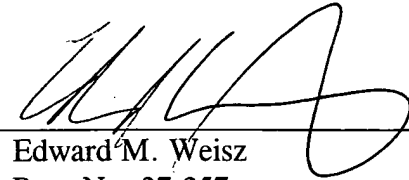
Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 2 therein, with claim 2 now being canceled. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to change their dependency to claim 1. Claim 28 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 34 and intervening claim 29 therein, with claims 34 and 29 now being canceled. Although claim 34 was dependent on claim 33, which was dependent on claim 32, which was dependent on claim 31, it is believed that the features of claims 31-33 are not necessary for the allowance of now-amended claim 28. Claim 36 has been amended to change its dependency to claim 28. Claim 37 has been amended to include a feature of claim 39, namely, that the tone generating member in the plurality of tone generating members comprises a tine on a comb. Claim 38 has been amended, as shown, to include certain other features of now-canceled claim 39. Lastly, claim 40 has been amended to change its dependency from claim 39 to claim 38. No new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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